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retiring from the University he devoted much of his time to the interests of the State Historical Society. He made valuable contributions from time to time to *THE HISTORICAL RECORD* and to *THE ANNALS OF IOWA*. His resignation from the Board of Curators of the Historical Society and departure from the State is a great loss to Iowa history. And yet his devotion to this work and the standards that he maintained therein will remain with us a rich heritage.

Dr. Pickard was always plain, simple, democratic. He never did things for show. He worked silently but effectively. His has been a great moral character, influencing profoundly the young men with whom he came in contact. In education he emphasized the acquisition of knowledge, not for its own sake, but rather for the sake of life and character. He led young men to seize upon ideals and to hold and cherish them. His devotion to high purpose, his steadfastness, and his gentleness withal made him one of the great powers in the history of this State.

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A HISTORICAL REPRINT.—Simultaneously with the publication of this number of *THE ANNALS* there will be issued by the Historical Department the first volume of the Laws of Iowa Territory (1838-9). This work will contain about 600 pages. It has been neatly printed, upon fine paper, and the binding is an excellent quality of law sheep, similar to that of the Iowa Supreme Court Reports. It is intended that a copy shall be deposited in each public library throughout the State, with such other distribution as may be directed by the Trustees of the Historical Department. The volume has been out of print more than forty years. Copies occasionally come to light in the hands of dealers in rare books, but this supply is a very limited one at best and wholly insufficient to meet a demand which is now yearly increasing. Its appearance will be welcomed by historical students and members of the bar throughout the State.

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